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TITLE OF INVENTION

Process and Apparatus for Producing Particles Using a Supercritical Fluid

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ATTENTION: DO/US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to calculation of the filing fees and examination of the above noted application, entrance of the following remarks and amendments into the record is respectfully requested.

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 2 to 40.

Please amend the following claim:

1 (Amended). A process for the production of particles of a material wherein:
a stream of a dispersion of the material in a solvent and a stream of a compressible fluid antisolvent substance are brought into contact with each other so that the streams combine to form a mixture under conditions such that the substance is in compressible fluid antisolvent state,

the mixture is then caused to flow along a conduit extending downstream from the region where the streams come into contact, toward an orifice which opens from the conduit directly into a downstream region so that the mixture flows through the orifice into the downstream region,